



EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs Catherine Ashton walks next to Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif, Tuesday, October 15, 2013, at the UN offices in Geneva, Switzerland. (AP Photo/Fabrice Coffrini)

A SHOT IN THE DARK

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GENEVA (AP) — Declaring that Iran no longer wants to “walk in the dark” of international isolation, Iranian negotiators put forward what they called a potential breakthrough plan Tuesday at the long-stalled talks on easing fears that Tehran wants atomic arms. Deputy Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said the Iranian plan’s formal name was “An End to the Unnecessary Crisis and a Beginning for Fresh Horizons.” He described it as having many new ideas but added negotiators had agreed to keep the details confidential during the morning bargaining session.

“We think that the proposal we have made has the capacity to make a breakthrough,” he told reporters. Alluding to the international pressure over Iran’s nuclear program that has driven the country into near-pariah status, he said: “We no longer want to walk in the dark and uncertainty and have doubts about the future.”

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An elderly Bosnian Muslim prays outdoors in the outskirts of Sarajevo on Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2013. Millions of Muslims around the world celebrate Eid al-Adha or “festival of sacrifice”, which marks the end of the annual hajj or pilgrimage to Mecca and celebrates Abraham’s readiness to sacrifice his son to God.

(AP Photo/Amel Emric)

Muslims Celebrate Eid al-Adha Holiday

MINA, Saudi Arabia (AP) — Muslims around the world held Eid al-Adha celebrations Tuesday, slaughtering sheep and other livestock to give meat to the poor in the biggest holiday of the Islamic calendar.

In Saudi Arabia, some 2 million Muslims on the annual hajj pilgrimage performed a rite throwing pebbles at a series of walls representing Satan in a symbolic gesture of stoning the devil, rejecting sin and temptation.

Afterward, they shaved

their heads — or cut off a lock of hair — to show the renewal of their faith and the purification of their souls.

The rites kicked off the festivities of Eid al-Adha — or “festival of sacrifice” — for Muslims around the world. The holiday commemorates the willingness of the prophet Ibrahim — or Abraham, as he is known in the Bible — to sacrifice his son in accordance with God’s will, though in the end God provides him a sheep to

sacrifice instead.

Muslim communities across the Arab world, Asia and Africa, Europe and the U.S. marked the holiday Tuesday.

The faithful slaughtered sheep, cattle and other livestock. They give part of the meat to the poor and usually tuck into a lavish family dinner with the rest. The holiday, lasting three or four days, is an occasion for family celebrations and outings, with parents often buying new clothes for their

children.

The hajj pilgrims will repeat the stoning ritual in the desert valley of Mina for two or three more days, then complete their pilgrimage in the nearby city of Mecca, circling the Kaaba, the cube-shaped structure believed to have been built first by Adam then again by Ibrahim to mirror the house of God in Heaven.

The Kaaba is Islam’s holiest site, and Muslims around the world face it in their daily prayers. □

Iran presents nuclear proposals at Geneva talks

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Iran's version of a grand bargain is for painful international sanctions to be lifted in exchange for possible concessions it had been previously unwilling to consider, such as increased monitoring and scaling back on uranium enrichment — a potential path to nuclear arms and the centerpiece of the impasse with the West.

A member of one of the delegations meeting with Iran told The Associated Press the plan offered reductions in both the levels of uranium enrichment being conducted by Iran and the number of centrifuges

Department official said the six powers were looking at further details of the Iranian presentation. The official demanded anonymity because she was not authorized to divulge details of the closed meeting.

Iran's uranium enrichment program is at the core of the six world powers' concerns. Iran now has more than 10,000 centrifuges churning out enriched uranium, which can be used either to power reactors or as the fissile core of a nuclear bomb.

Iran has long insisted it does not want nuclear arms — a claim the U.S. and its allies have been skeptical about — but has resisted international attempts to verify its

increased international monitoring and scaling back uranium enrichment. "We have seen some positive mood music coming out of Tehran," Mann said. "But of course the most important thing is that they actually follow it up with concrete proposals that address our concerns."

The first session of the two-day talks — the first since Rouhani's election — lasted about 2 ½ hours, ending shortly after noon. Back pains suffered by Zarif, Iran's chief negotiator, threatened to complicate the process.

Mann said the pains did not stop Zarif from having a "cordial" dinner Monday evening with Catherine

Ashton, the top EU diplomat convening the talks. But Araghchi said Zarif was "suffering a lot," although he intended to stay in Geneva until the talks ended.

Iran's state TV, which closely reflects government views, said Tehran offered to discuss uranium enrichment levels. The report also said Iran proposed adopting the additional protocols of the U.N.'s nuclear treaty — effectively opening its nuclear facilities to wider inspection and monitoring — if the West recognizes Iran's right to enrich uranium. Of the tons of enriched uranium in Iran's stockpile, most is enriched to under 5 percent — a level that need weeks of further enrichment to turn into weapons-level uranium. But it also has nearly 200 kilograms (440 pounds) of 20 percent-enriched uranium, a form that can be quickly upgraded for weapons use, according to the U.N.'s atomic agency, which keeps tabs on Iran's nuclear activities. That is close to — but still below — what is needed for one nuclear weapon.

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EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs Catherine Ashton, left, gestures next to Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif, right, during a photo op prior to the start of two days of closed-door nuclear talks Tuesday, October 15, 2013, at the United Nations offices in Geneva, Switzerland.

doing the enrichment — both key demands from the six nations with Iran at the negotiating table. He demanded anonymity because he was not authorized to divulge details. European Union official Michael Mann said Iran's PowerPoint presentation, presented by Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif, lasted about one hour.

The session resumed in mid-afternoon and a U.S. State

aims.

Tehran is now under international sanctions that are biting deeply into its troubled economy.

Since the election of reformist Iranian President Hassan Rouhani in June, Iranian officials have said they are ready to compromise.

The U.S., Russia, China, Britain, France and Germany are eager to test whether those words will translate into real progress such as

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No final deal is expected at the two-day session, but it potentially could be the launching pad for a deal that has proven elusive since negotiations began in 2003. One immediate change from previous talks was the choice of language. Mann told reporters they were being held in English, unlike previous rounds under Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, Rouhani's hard-line predecessor, where Farsi translation was provided. □

Mother of U.S. detainee in North Korea ends trip

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SEOUL, South Korea (AP) —

The mother of an American detained in North Korea says it broke her heart to leave him behind after visiting him there, and urged the U.S. government to do everything it can to secure his freedom.

Myunghee Bae said in a statement Monday that she saw her son Kenneth Bae, a Korean-American missionary and tour operator held in North Korea since last November, at a hospital three times after arriving in the country on Friday.

She said she was relieved to see her son's health has been improving, and that the two were able to spend "those precious hours together."

But she said she is "more anxious than ever to bring him home."

"His yearlong imprisonment has taken a heavy toll not only on Kenneth but on the whole family; every day the pain and anxiety continue to carve a deep scar on all of our hearts," she said. "I plead with our government to do everything in their power to secure my son's release soon."

The statement was published on a website called "Free Kenneth Bae." Derek Sciba, a media contact for the website who is a friend of Kenneth's sister, Terri Chung, said the handwritten statement was emailed from Myunghee Bae's Gmail account to Chung, who confirmed that it was from her mother. Kenneth Bae, 45, was sentenced to 15 years of hard labor after being arrested in November for alleged hostile acts while leading a group of tourists in the northeastern region of Rason.

He was transferred over the summer from a prison camp to the hospital because he had lost more than 22 kilograms (50 pounds).

His family has said Bae suffers from diabetes, an enlarged heart, liver problems and back pain. □

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Fitch putting US credit rating on negative watch

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The Fitch credit rating agency has warned that it is reviewing the U.S. government's AAA credit rating for a possible downgrade, citing the impasse in Washington that has raised the threat of a default on the nation's debt.

Fitch placed the U.S. credit rating on negative watch Tuesday, a step that would precede an actual downgrade. The agency said it expects to conclude its review within six months.

The announcement comes as House and Senate leaders face a Thursday deadline to raise the nation's \$16.7 trillion borrowing limit. Fitch says it expects the debt limit to be raised soon. But it adds, "the political brinkmanship and reduced financing flexibility could increase the risk of a U.S. default."

A Treasury Department spokesman said Fitch's announcement "reflects the urgency with which Congress should act to remove the threat of default hanging over the economy."

Dow Jones industrial futures were essentially unchanged Tuesday evening. Fitch made its announcement after financial markets had closed.

Lawmakers spent most of Tuesday trying to reach an agreement to lift the government's borrowing limit and avoid an eventual default. The limit is a cap on how much debt the government can accumulate to pay its bills. The government borrows in most years because its spending has long exceeded its revenue.

Fitch is one of the three leading U.S. credit ratings agencies, along with Standard & Poor's and Moody's Investors Service.

S&P downgraded U.S. long-term debt to "AA+" in August 2011. But three months ago, it raised its outlook. In part, that was because of tax increases and spending cuts that have helped shrink the budget deficit. □

House vote delayed as US debt deadline nears

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Republican efforts to pass legislation averting a U.S. debt default and ending a partial government shutdown collapsed

tiations on a bipartisan compromise that had appeared ready to bear fruit a day earlier.

Shortly after the House efforts fell apart, aides said

The New York Stock Exchange fell 133 points after arising a day earlier when optimism spread that a deal might be at hand.

Fitch Ratings announced

government unless Obama agreed to defund or delay his signature health care reform. House Republicans also refused to move on needed approval for raising the amount of money the Treasury can borrow to pay the nation's bills.

House Republicans have since dropped their demands to defund or delay the health care law, known as Obamacare.

The latest House proposal had also done away with plan to delay a medical device tax created under the health law, and another provision to impose tougher income verification standards on individuals and families seeking subsidies for care under the law.

Democrats had viewed both as concessions to Republicans, and deemed their inclusion as a violation of Obama's vow not to pay a "ransom" to the Republicans for passing essential funding and borrowing measures.

The House measure would have kept one provision linked to the health care plan: Members of Congress, the president, vice president and thousands of aides would no longer be eligible to receive employer health care contributions from the government that employs them.

Congress is trying to pass two measures that are normally routine: A temporary funding bill to keep the government running and the legislation to raise the borrowing limit. □



House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, walks away from the microphone during a news conference after a House GOP meeting on Capitol Hill, Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2013, in Washington.

(AP Photo/ Evan Vucci)

Tuesday night, and a top ratings firm warned of a possible downgrade in the country's creditworthiness. Just hours after unveiling it, Republican leaders — apparently lacking votes from their own rank-and-file — pulled legislation to reopen the government and raise the amount of money the Treasury can borrow to pay the nation's bills.

The setback came just two days before the Obama administration says the government will be out of money to pay debts.

The wrangling in the House had imposed a daylong freeze on Senate nego-

Senate leaders had renewed talks to reopen the government and prevent a default.

House Republican leaders had unveiled a bill to allow the Treasury to borrow normally until Feb. 7 and to reopen the government with sufficient funds to carry it to Dec. 15.

A spokesman for House Speaker John Boehner had said it would be put to a vote Tuesday night. But the bill had been stripped of key conservative demands related to President Barack Obama's health care plan, and Boehner soon pulled it.

after the markets closed that it was putting the government's AAA bond rating on watch because of uncertainty over the debt limit.

Fitch, one of the three leading U.S. credit ratings agencies, said it expects the debt limit will be raised soon, but added, "the political brinkmanship and reduced financing flexibility could increase the risk of a U.S. default."

The partial shutdown began 15 days ago after House Republicans refused to accept a temporary funding measure to provide the money to run the

Twitter to trade on the New York Stock Exchange

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NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Stock Exchange has beaten its tech-heavy rival in the quest for the biggest stock debut of the year. Twitter said Tuesday it will list its shares on the NYSE when the company goes public later this year, choosing it over the traditionally tech-friendly Nasdaq Stock Exchange.

The microblogging service did not say in the regula-

tory filing when it expects to start trading, but the debut is expected before Thanksgiving.

The news is an upset for the Nasdaq, which has traditionally been the place for technology IPOs.

The exchange was looking to redeem itself after last year's Facebook's IPO, which was marred by trading order failures and delays.

As a result, the Securities and Exchange Commission

in May fined the exchange \$10 million, the largest ever levied against an exchange.

Both exchanges had courted San Francisco-based Twitter heavily.

The NYSE has wooed a growing list of companies recently, including 10 of the 20 largest technology IPOs so far this year, according to research firm Dealogic. Winning an IPO is always a big deal for an exchange, but a high-profile name like

Twitter is an especially coveted prize.

As long as Twitter's IPO goes well, it should give the NYSE an edge in luring other IPOs, particularly in the fertile area of social media. "We are grateful for Twitter's confidence in our platform and look forward to partnering with them," said NYSE spokeswoman Marissa Arnold in a statement. A Twitter spokesman declined to comment beyond the announcement. □

Supreme Court to hear challenge to EPA emissions rules

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WASHINGTON - The Supreme Court on Tuesday agreed to hear a major case challenging Environmental Protection Agency regulations concerning greenhouse gases. The case is a sequel to Massachusetts v. Environmental Protection Agency, a 2007 decision that required the agency to regulate emissions of greenhouse gases from new motor vehicles if it found they endangered public health or welfare. Two years later, the agency made such a finding, saying that "elevated concentrations of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere" pose a danger to "current and future generations." It set limits on emissions from both new vehicles and sta-

tionary sources.

States and industry groups challenged the regulations on several grounds. They said the agency's conclusions about the dangers posed by greenhouse gases were not supported by adequate evidence, that the so-called tailpipe regulations were flawed and that the agency was not authorized to regulate emissions from stationary sources, like power plants. The Supreme Court accepted six petitions, but it limited the issue it would review to the question of whether the agency "permissibly determined that its regulation of greenhouse gas emissions from new motor vehicles triggered permitting requirements under the Clean Air Act for stationary sources that



The Supreme Court, shown Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2013 in Washington, has agreed to consider whether the Environmental Protection Agency overstepped its authority in developing rules aimed at cutting emissions of six heat-trapping gases from factories and power plants.

(AP Photo/Susan Walsh)

emit greenhouses gases." Among the cases accepted for review was Utility Air Regulatory Group v.

Environmental Protection Agency, No. 12-1146.

A three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit last year unanimously rejected the challenges, some on the merits and some on the ground that the parties before the court lacked standing to pursue

them. "The regulations the court has agreed to review represent the Obama administration's first major rulemaking to address the emissions of greenhouse gases from major stationary sources across the country," said Richard J. Lazarus, who teaches environmental law at Harvard. □

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FLAGSTAFF, Arizona (AP)

— Two members of a notorious family that authorities say once tried to set up a whites-only nation in America were arrested this week in Arizona on federal firearms charges after a raid on a sprawling ranch where dozens of weapons and thousands of rounds of ammunition were seized. Kirby Kehoe, 65, and his 37-year-old son, Cheyne, had an initial court appearance Tuesday in Flagstaff. Cheyne Kehoe's attorney declined to discuss the case, while a lawyer for Kirby Kehoe did not immediately respond to requests for comment. Authorities received a tip that Kirby Kehoe had weapons on his 40-acre (16.2-hectare) property

near Ash Fork, about 140 miles (225 kilometers) north of Phoenix, said Tom Mangano, a special agent with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

The weapons included shotguns, semi-automatic rifles and pistols, the ATF said.

Both men have previous felony convictions and are banned from possessing firearms.

The Kehoe family has been well-known to law enforcement since the 1990s when authorities say they provided weapons to various white supremacists who committed robberies across the Midwest. Authorities also said the family was involved in a plot to overthrow the federal government and establish the Aryan Peoples Republic in the Pacific Northwest. □

Libyan pleads not guilty to terrorism charges

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Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — An alleged al-Qaida member who was snatched off the streets in Libya and interrogated for a week aboard an American war-

The defendant, wearing a thick gray beard, looked frail and moved slowly as he was led into the heavily guarded courtroom in handcuffs. An attorney said he had come to court from a New York hospital, where he was treated for

Known as one of al-Qaida's early computer experts, he is accused of helping plan and conduct surveillance for the attacks. He is believed to have used an early-generation Apple computer to assemble surveillance photographs.

The defendant kept his hands folded on his lap as the judge read the charges in a courtroom secured by about a dozen deputy U.S. marshals.

The judge ordered him detained after a federal prosecutor called him a "clear danger."

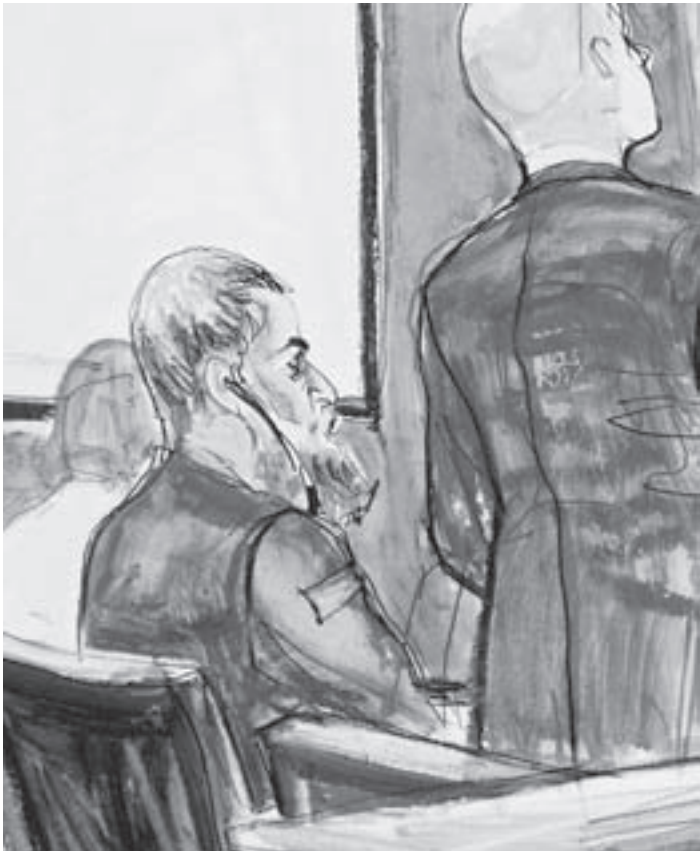
Republicans stepped up their criticism of Obama for his administration's handling of the defendant, saying he should have been sent to the American prison at Guantanamo

Bay for more interrogation instead of being taken to the U.S. and given access to civilian courts and the legal protections they provide.

"He was a treasure trove of information," said Sen. Lindsey Graham.

"The most dangerous thing we could do as a nation is to treat a captured al-Qaida terrorist as a common criminal, read them their Miranda rights and put them in civilian court before we have a chance to gather intelligence."

Rep. Peter King, a member of the House Intelligence Committee, said: "The real issue is the intelligence. Once he gets a lawyer, he holds the cards. ... Put it this way: Now he decides whether he will talk." □



In this courtroom sketch, Abu Anas al-Libi, 49, sits as his lawyer David Patton, right, address a federal court in New York, Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2013. Abu Anas al-Libi, a Libyan, pleaded not guilty to terrorism charges in the deadly 1998 al-Qaida bombings of U.S. embassies in Africa.

(AP Photo/Elizabeth Williams)

ship pleaded not guilty to bombing-related charges Tuesday in a case that has renewed the debate over how quickly terrorism suspects should be turned over to the U.S. courts.

Despite calls from Republicans in Congress to send him to Guantanamo Bay for indefinite interrogation, Abu Anas al-Libi, also known as Nazih Abdul-Hamed al-Ruqai, became the latest alleged terrorist to face civilian prosecution in federal court in New York, the scene of several such convictions.

three days for hepatitis C and swollen limbs.

The 49-year-old Libyan was captured by American commandos during an Oct. 5 military raid in the North African country and questioned for a week aboard the USS San Antonio.

He was indicted more than a decade ago in the twin 1998 bombings at the U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania that killed 224 people, including a dozen Americans. If convicted, he could get life behind bars.

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Felony charges in suicide of bullied 12-year-old

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MIAMI - Two girls, 12 and 14, have been charged with aggravated stalking, a third-degree felony, in the death of a 12-year-old girl who committed suicide last month after being repeatedly bullied in person and online, the Polk County sheriff said Tuesday.

At an emotional news conference, Sheriff Grady Judd said the two girls were charged after the older one posted an offensive online comment on Facebook on Saturday in connection with the case.

"Yes, I bullied Rebecca and she killed herself and I don't give a," followed by an expletive, said a comment posted on the girl's account Saturday morning.

Five weeks ago, Rebecca Ann Sedwick, a Lakeland seventh-grader, jumped to her death from a cement factory tower after enduring a year, on and off, of physical and online bullying.

With the latest post, deputies moved quickly Monday night to arrest the 14-year-old girl they said was the prime instigator and a 12-year-old friend. Neither girl had an arrest

record.

"We learned this over the weekend, and we decided that, look, we can't leave her out there," Judd

nally, he had hoped to wait until he received data from two far-flung cellphone application companies, Kik Messenger and ask.fm,



Polk County Sheriff Grady Judd talks about the events leading up to the arrest over the weekend of two juvenile girls in a Florida bullying case at a press conference in Winter Haven, Fla., Monday, Oct. 15, 2013.

(AP Photo/The Ledger, Calvin Knight)

said, referring to the older girl. "Who else is she going to torment? Who else is she going to harass? Who is the next person she verbally abuses and attacks?"

He said the older girl told the police that her account had been hacked, and that she had not posted the comment.

Judd said the decision to arrest was sudden. Orig-

inally, he had hoped to wait until he received data from two far-flung cellphone application companies, Kik Messenger and ask.fm,

before moving forward. But, with enough probable cause in hand and the offensive post, he said, he decided not to wait.

"She forced this arrest today," Judd said of the older girl.

The two girls, who Judd said were the "two primary harassers," were booked into the juvenile court system and released to their

parents under house arrest. He said that, because the girls had clean records, they were unlikely to serve time in juvenile detention if convicted.

In a news conference brimming with outrage and incredulity, Judd said he was stunned by the older girl's actions. He reserved his harshest words for her parents for failing to monitor her behavior and for allowing her to keep her phone. The girls already had been questioned by the police over the suicide.

"I'm aggravated that the parents are not doing what parents should do. After she is questioned and involved in this, why does she even have a device?" Judd said. He added, "Parents who, instead of taking that device and smashing it into a thousand pieces in front of that child, say her account was hacked."

The police said the dispute with Rebecca had begun over a boy. The older girl was upset that Rebecca had once dated her boyfriend, they said.

"She began to harass and ultimately torment Rebecca," said the sheriff, describing the 14-year-old as a girl with a long history of bullying behavior. □

Norway's Statoil pulls \$120M wind project in Maine

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Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Maine (AP)

— Norwegian company Statoil announced on Tuesday that it's abandoning a \$120 million proposal to put four wind turbines 12 miles (19.3 kilometers) off the coast of Maine. The company said in a statement that changes in terms with the state and scheduling delays "made the project outlook too uncertain to proceed." Statoil says it's now focusing on pursuing a project in Scotland that it also has been working on for the last three years.

The company put the project on hold in July after Republican Gov. Paul LePage's administration pushed to reopen the competitive bidding process to allow the University of Maine to bid. LePage said Statoil's project would put too much of a burden on ratepayers and that Maine's flagship university should be allowed to compete. An Associated Press review of documents found that the administration had initially floated "a much more aggressive effort to explicitly void" Statoil's agreement. □

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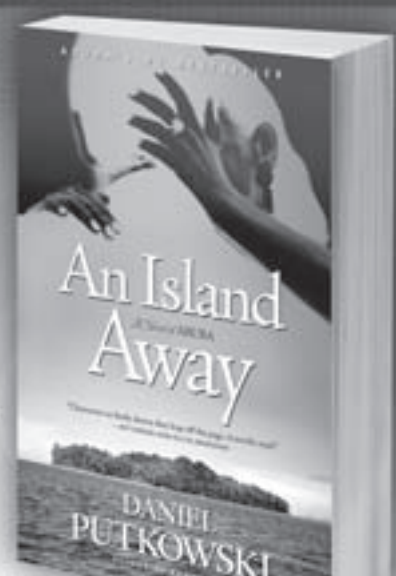
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Aid group calls for humanitarian access in Syria

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Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) — A general director of Doctors Without Borders called Tuesday for greater access for humani-

dismantling Syria's chemical weapons stockpile. The Syrian conflict, which began as a largely peaceful uprising against President Bashar Assad in March 2011, has triggered

and towns. With the country now carved up into rebel- and regime-controlled areas, providing desperately needed food and medical aid has become a colossal

eral directors for Doctors Without Borders.

"There is a recognition that greater humanitarian access is needed for life-saving assistance, but at the same time we don't see the mobilization."

The United Nations Security Council issued an appeal in early October for immediate access to all areas of the country to deliver humanitarian aid, including across conflict lines. Still, organizations that provide assistance continue to struggle to reach all the people who need it. Stokes said the aid community has long been told that it's impossible to grant full access to all regions affected by the fighting, and that "one side is always blaming the other" for the impasse.

But the recent agreement to grant international inspectors unfettered access to every site linked to Syria's chemical weapons program "has shown is that it is possible, if the international political willingness is there, to grant access and free movement to aid agencies to go into these enclaves," Stokes said.

"Cease-fires could be organized as was done to allow chemical weapons inspectors in, they could be organized to allow in medical convoys," he said. Doctors Without Borders says it currently runs six field hospitals in rebel-held areas, and supports 70 medical facilities in contested areas of the country and regions controlled by the government or the rebels. The Syrian government has not granted the group permission to work in the country, so it is forced to bring in supplies surreptitiously — a high-risk job that Stokes said has become harder. □

Merkel party took BMW cash before any emissions call

FRANK JORDANS
Associated Press

BERLIN (AP) — Germany blocked the introduction of tougher European Union emissions rules for cars shortly after Chancellor Angela Merkel's party received a large donation from three major BMW shareholders, according to newly released parliamentary records.

Opposition parties on Tuesday cited the donation as evidence of an uncomfortably close relationship between Merkel and German automakers.

Following weeks of German lobbying, the environment ministers of the EU's 28 nations agreed Monday to seek further tweaks to the proposed emissions rules that come into force in 2020.

Just days earlier, Merkel's Christian Democratic Union had received 690,000 euros (\$935,900) from Susanne Klatten, her mother Johanna Quandt and brother Stefan Quandt.

The Quandt family holds almost half of the shares in the Munich-based BMW, whose luxury cars on average emit well over the proposed limit of 95 grams of carbon dioxide per kilometer.

Merkel's party insisted there was no link between donation and the pressure that her government put on other European countries to hold off on the emissions deal.

"The Quandt family has supported the CDU with private donations for many years, independently of whether the CDU was part of the government or in opposition," the party said in a statement. □



Syrian President Bashar Assad, third left, prays on the first day of Eid al-Adha at the Sayeda Hassiba mosque, in Damascus, Syria, Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2013.

(AP Photo/SANA)

tarian aid to Syrians suffering in their country's civil war, and urged the international community to show the same urgency to help them as it did to address

a humanitarian crisis on a massive scale, killing more than 100,000 people, driving nearly 7 million more from their homes and devastating the nation's cities

— and dangerous — task. "You have an industrial-scale war, but you have a very kind of small-scale humanitarian response," said Christopher Stokes, a gen-



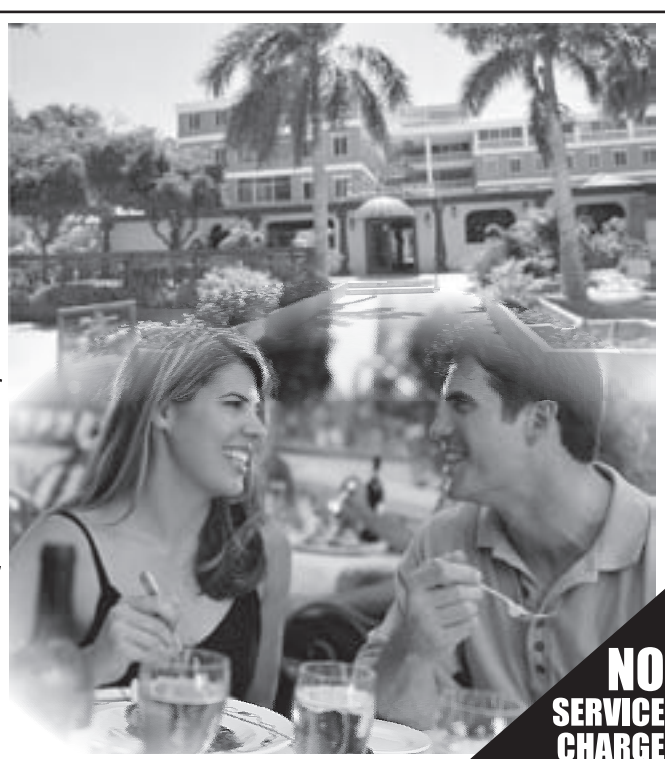
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Irish unveil new austerity budget, seek bailout exit

SHAWN POGATCHNIK

Associated Press

DUBLIN (AP) — Ireland unveiled its seventh straight austerity budget Tuesday, a plan to slash 2.5 billion euros (\$3.4 billion) from next year's deficit and pave the way for the nation to escape from its international bailout. Finance Minister Michael Noonan told lawmakers he was confident that Ireland can resume normal borrowing on bond markets at affordable rates by December, when the country's bailout funds run out. Noonan said Ireland's bailout escape was certain because the Irish treasury had already "stockpiled" about 25 billion euros (\$34 billion) to ensure that the nation's bills can be paid through 2014.

The move comes three years after Ireland was forced by the crippling cost of bank rescues to seek 67.5 billion euros in

emergency loans from the European Union and International Monetary Fund. Police deployed heavily outside Leinster House, the parliamentary building, and key streets in central Dublin to ensure that hundreds of anti-austerity protesters did not try to block the roads. Ireland has been raising taxes and slashing spending since 2008, when a Celtic Tiger boom fueled by cheap eurozone credit ended, bringing six domestic banks to the brink of failure. Ireland was forced in 2010 to abandon the bond markets when its own borrowing costs soared. Noonan said Ireland expected to slash its 2014 deficit to 4.8 percent, much better than the previously agreed EU-IMF target of 5.4 percent. Aiming for a smaller deficit should help Ireland sell bonds more cheaply. The cost of bank bailouts



Pedestrians pass in front of an Anglo Irish Bank branch in Dublin, Ireland. Ireland unveiled its seventh straight austerity budget Tuesday, a plan to slash 2.5 billion euros (\$3.4 billion) from next year's deficit.

(AP Photo/Peter Morrison)

forced Ireland to hit an EU-record 34 percent deficit in 2010.

Noonan, whose government was formed in 2011, noted that Ireland had

consistently beaten its deficit-reduction targets since then.

He said Ireland's debt-to-GDP ratio would peak at the end of this year at

124 percent, then decline next year to 118.4 percent. Such calculations are dependent on forecasts that Ireland continues to post modest growth. □

EU clears way to create joint banking supervisor

JUERGEN BAETZ

Associated Press

LUXEMBOURG (AP) — European Union officials on Tuesday approved the creation of a centralized banking supervisor, marking another step in the 28-country bloc's long quest to stabilize its financial system. Finance ministers at a meeting in Luxembourg cleared the final legal hurdle to the establishment of the new banking supervisor, which will be operated by the European Central Bank and directly oversee the bloc's 130 biggest banks. "Now we will start hiring supervisors, rent build-

ings and start the coming (bank) stress test," ECB executive board member Joerg Asmussen said. The so-called single supervisory mechanism will be based with the ECB in Frankfurt, Germany, and will start recruiting about 1,000 new staff. It is due to be operational late next year after assessing European banks' balance sheets through a stress test that will identify possible capital shortfalls. If the supervisor finds that a bank needs help, a bank rescue authority would step in to unwind or rescue ailing lenders by using money from a common fund. □

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New Vatican No. 2 a no-show at handover ceremony

NICOLE WINFIELD
Associated Press

VATICAN CITY (AP) — The new Vatican No. 2 was a no-show Tuesday at the ceremony to take over the reins of the Holy See administration, after being hospitalized for urgent surgery on the day he was to have begun charting a new course for the troubled Vatican bureaucracy.

Pope Francis told the assembled guests at Tuesday's handover ceremony that Archbishop Pietro Parolin had to undergo minor but urgent surgery and would be out for several weeks.

Parolin was hospitalized while visiting his family in Italy's Veneto region, the Vatican said without pro-

viding details.

The day was supposed to have been a ceremonial and very real changing of the guard from the retiring Vatican secretary of state, Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, who left his post after seven tumultuous years in which he was blamed for many of the gaffes and problems of the papacy of Benedict XVI.

Francis welcomed Parolin "in absentia" as he thanked Bertone for his service, noting the difficulties and "thorns" that Bertone had endured.

"I want to thank you for the courage and patience with which you lived through the setbacks that you had to confront," Francis said. "There were a lot."

Bertone's scandal-marred term climaxed with the 2012 theft of Benedict's papers by his butler and subsequent publication in a blockbuster book. Based on how poorly Bertone was portrayed in the leaked

documents and from the butler's own testimony, the leaks were clearly aimed at discrediting Bertone by airing the Vatican's dirty laundry.

But many other problems of Benedict's reign, from

his rehabilitation of a Holocaust-denying bishop to the Vatican's initial, flat-footed response to the 2010 explosion of clerical sex abuse cases, were blamed on Bertone's administrative shortcomings. □



Pope Francis listens to Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, during a farewell ceremony at the Vatican. The new Vatican No. 2, Pietro Parolin, was a no-show Tuesday at the ceremony to take over the reins of the Holy See administration, after being hospitalized for urgent surgery on the day he was to have begun charting a new course for the troubled Vatican bureaucracy.

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Bomb near mosque in Iraq kills 12 Sunnis

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Associated Press

BAGHDAD (AP) — A bomb ripped through a crowd of Sunni worshippers coming out of a mosque in northern Iraq after prayers at the start of a major Muslim holiday on Tuesday, killing 12 people and wounding 24, Iraqi officials said.

The attack took place in the oil-rich city of Kirkuk, 290 kilometers (180 miles) north of Baghdad, said Police Col. Taha Salaheddin.

The bomb went off as worshippers were leaving the al-Qodus mosque after morning prayers for the beginning of the Eid al-Adha holiday, Salaheddin said.

No one immediately

claimed responsibility for the attack and police sealed off the area around the mosque.

Medics in the Kirkuk General Hospital confirmed the casualty figures, speaking on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to the media.

Kirkuk provincial police chief, Brig. Gen. Jamal Tahir Bakir said that security measures had been stepped up, especially on the entrances to the city.

"Our security forces have taken all the necessary measures within our capabilities to protect the people during Eid, but unfortunately, terrorists were

able to penetrate the city and strike innocent people once again," he said.

Kirkuk, a frequent flash-point for violence, is home to an ethnic mix of Arabs, Kurds and Turkomen who all have competing claims to the oil-rich city.

More than 5,000 people have been killed in Iraq since al-Qaida and other militants stepped up attacks following a deadly security crackdown against a Sunni protest camp in April. The surge has sparked fears that the country could see a new round of widespread sectarian bloodshed similar to that which brought the country to the edge of civil war in 2006 and 2007. □

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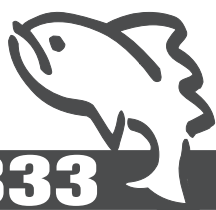


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Death toll in Philippines quake jumps to 93

BULLIT MARQUEZ
Associated Press
CEBU, Philippines (AP)

— The death toll from a 7.2-magnitude earthquake that struck the central Philippine island of Bohol on Tuesday rose to 93, as rescuers struggled to reach patients in a collapsed hospital. Centuries-old stone churches crumbled and wide areas were without power. Bohol police chief Dennis Agustin said 77 of the deaths came from the province. At least 15 others died in nearby Cebu province and another on Siquijor Island.

The quake struck at 8:12 a.m. and was centered about 33 kilometers (20 miles) below Carmen city, where many small buildings collapsed. Many roads and bridges were reported damaged, making rescue operations difficult. But historic churches dating from the Spanish colonial period suffered the most. Among them was the country's oldest, the 16th-century Basilica of the Holy Child in Cebu, which lost its bell tower. Nearly half of a 17th-century limestone church in Loboc town, southwest of Carmen, was reduced to rubble.

The highest number of dead — 18 — were in the municipality of Loon, 42 kilometers (26 miles) west of Carmen, where an unknown number of patients

were trapped inside the Congressman Castillo Memorial Hospital, which partially collapsed. Rescuers were working to reach them, said civil defense spokesman Maj. Reynaldo Balido.

As night fell, the entire province was in the dark after the quake cut power sup-

Chatto said.

Extensive damage also hit densely populated Cebu city, across a narrow strait from Bohol, causing deaths when a building in the port and the roof of a market area collapsed.

The quake set off two stampedes in nearby cities. When it struck, people

trees because the tremors were so strong," said Vilma Yorong, a provincial government employee in Bohol.

"When the shaking stopped, I ran to the street and there I saw several injured people. Some were saying their church has collapsed," she told The Asso-



Residents walk along a damaged road following a 7.2-magnitude earthquake that hit Bohol, central Philippines, Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2013. The tremor collapsed buildings, cracked roads and toppled the bell tower of the Philippines' oldest church Tuesday morning, causing multiple deaths across the central region and sending terrified residents into deadly stampedes.

(AP Photo)

plies. Windy weather and rain also forced back a military rescue helicopter.

Authorities were setting up tents for those displaced by the quake, while others who lost their homes moved in with their relatives, Bohol Gov. Edgardo

gathered in a gym in Cebu rushed outside in a panic, crushing five people to death and injuring eight others, said Neil Sanchez, provincial disaster management officer.

"We ran out of the building, and outside, we hugged

ciated Press by phone.

As fear set in, Yorong and the others ran up a mountain, afraid a tsunami would follow the quake. "Minutes after the earthquake, people were pushing each other to go up the hill," she said. □

Colombia pulls body from ruins of apartment

LUIS BENAVIDES
Associated Press
MEDELLIN, Colombia (AP)

— Juan Esteban Cantor found a parking place, but it cost him his life.

The body of the 23-year-old university student was pulled from the ruins of a collapsed 22-story apartment tower in the Colombian city of Medellin on Tuesday, the first of 11 missing people to be located, the mayor's office announced.

Officials apparently saved many lives by evacuating the 54-unit building on Friday after cracks appeared in the walls of the recently constructed building, which was still only partly occupied. But Cantor's sister Angela said by telephone that nobody roped off the parking lot alongside the building.

Cantor lived with his parents in another tower of the "Space" development. When he arrived home Saturday night, he could not find an open space in front of that building, so he parked in front of the one that had been evacuated, his sister said.

At the same moment, the tower collapsed.

A friend who had accompanied the young man escaped, running. But Cantor was trapped in the rain of concrete.

Angela Cantor said she was visiting her parents' apartment and was watching television when suddenly "it shook ... It sounded like the end of the world." "The lights went out ... we went running down the stairs" to the street, where "the cloud of dust was stunning ... shouts and desperation and a lot of terror," she said. □

Venezuela expected to release seized ship soon

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)

— The Texas company that chartered an oil research ship seized last week by Venezuela said it expects the vessel and its international crew to be released soon.

Anadarko Petroleum Corp.

spokesman John Christiansen says Venezuelan authorities treated those aboard the Panamanian-flagged ship in a "respectful manner" and says the vessel "will reportedly be released in the near future." He declined to pro-

vide additional details on Tuesday.

The ship and its 36-man crew have been anchored since Sunday off Margarita Island in the Caribbean. The crew includes five Americans and workers from Russia, Indonesia and

Brazil.

The ship was intercepted by Venezuela's navy while operating in disputed waters off the coast of Guyana. Diplomats of the two countries will meet Thursday in Trinidad and Tobago to discuss the incident. □



At Windows On Aruba: Family and Friends Come Together To Celebrate Thelma's 90th Birthday!



ORANJESTAD - Friends and family members congregated to celebrate Ms Thelma's 90th birthday at Windows on Aruba, at the Divi Links. Daughter Janet Snyder orchestrated the festivities and also invited all of the family's local Aruban friends for the bash.

Pictured here, loving daughter Janet, her husband Bob, long time friends from the USA, Karol Sheibe, who flew in for two days especially for the occasion, Maureen, Diana and her husband Bear, long time Aruban friends Ale and Rebecca, Tito, Mary, Franklin,



Luchi, their son Nicky and Rona. Both Thelma and Janet have been coming to Aruba for umpteen years and Thelma was recognized last year by the Aruba Tourism Authority as Goodwill Ambassador. The countdown for Thelma's 91st birthday here in Aruba, has just begun! □





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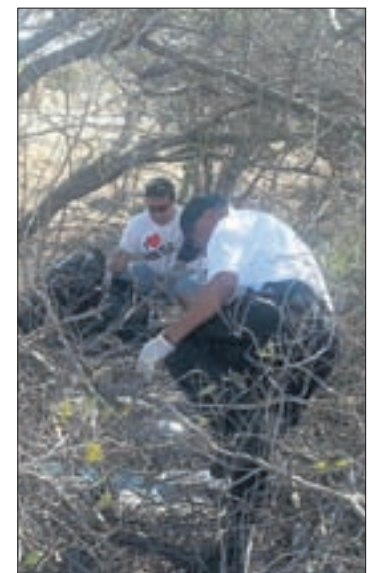
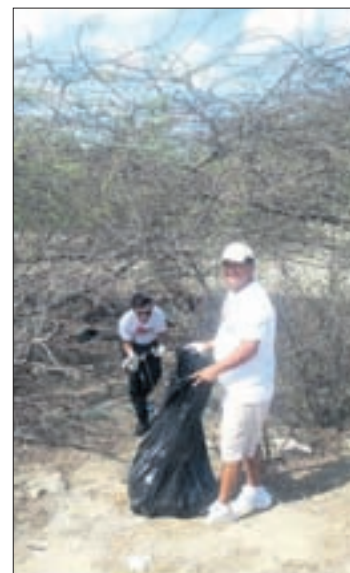
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Red Sox hold off Tigers 1-0 behind Lackey, bullpen

NOAH TRISTER

AP Baseball Writer

DETROIT (AP) -- John Lackey edged Justin Verlander in the latest duel of these pitching-rich playoffs, and Boston's bullpen shut down Detroit's big boppers with the game on the line to lift the Red Sox over the Tigers 1-0 Tuesday for a 2-1 lead in the AL championship series.

Mike Napoli homered off Verlander in the seventh inning, and Detroit's best chance to rally fell short in the eighth when Miguel Cabrera and Prince Fielder struck out with runners at the corners.

Despite three straight gems by their starters, the Tigers suddenly trail in a best-of-seven series they seemed to have complete control of only two days ago. Game 4 is Wednesday night at Comerica Park, with Jake Peavy scheduled to start for the Red Sox against Doug Fister.

Lackey allowed four hits in 6 2-3 innings, striking out eight without a walk in a game that was delayed 17 minutes in the second inning because lights on the stadium towers went out. It was the second 1-0 game in this matchup between the highest-scoring teams in the majors.



Boston Red Sox starting pitcher John Lackey throws in the first inning during Game 3 of the American League baseball championship series against the Detroit Tigers Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2013, in Detroit.

Associated Press

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MLB umpire Wally Bell dead at 48

NEW YORK (AP) — Major League Baseball umpire

This Aug. 1, 2012 file photo shows Houston Astros manager Brad Mills, right, arguing with home plate umpire Wally Bell during the eighth inning of a baseball game against the Milwaukee Brewers in Milwaukee.

Associated Press

Wally Bell, who worked the National League playoff series between the Pittsburgh Pirates and St. Louis Cardinals this month, has died. He was 48.

Major League Baseball confirmed Bell's death Monday. He died of an apparent heart attack in his

home state of Ohio.

Bell worked the 2006 World Series and three All-Star games, including this year's event at Citi Field, where he was stationed at first base.

A veteran of 21 big league seasons, he had also worked four league cham-

pionship series since joining the major league staff in 1993.

According to Bell's biography on MLB.com, his proudest moment as a big league umpire was returning to the field after having open heart surgery in 1999. □

Rivers, Novak lead Chargers to 19-9 win

BERNIE WILSON

AP Sports Writer

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Philip Rivers threw a 22-yard touchdown pass to rookie Keenan Allen and Nick Novak kicked four field goals to give the San Diego Chargers a 19-9 victory over the Indiana Colts on Monday, NFL Roundup

Rivers methodically moved the Chargers (3-3) on three scoring drives of at least 74 yards as he rebounded from a three-interception performance in a dismal loss at Oakland.

That, and a lot of dropped passes by Colts receivers, kept Indianapolis (4-2) from taking a two-game lead over Tennessee in the AFC South.

A week earlier, Andrew Luck helped rally the Colts to a 34-28 victory against Seattle.

He had no chance against the Bolts because of two long drives in the second quarter that helped con-

tribute to the Chargers dominating the time of possession 38 minutes, 31 seconds to 21:29.

Allen got behind safety Delano Howell and cornerback Vontae Davis on a post route for the TD, completing a 12-play, 74-yard march that took 6:14 and gave San Diego a 7-3 lead. It was Allen's second TD catch of the season.

Novak's first field goal capped a drive that went 79 yards in 17 plays in 7:58. The drive was kept alive when cornerback Greg Toler was whistled for illegal contact for pushing receiver Lavelle Hawkins out of bounds on third-and-6 from the Chargers 45.

Luck then completed four straight passes to move the Colts into Chargers territory before Coby Fleener dropped a pass at the 25. Luck scrambled for 6 yards and threw an incomple-



San Diego Chargers wide receiver Keenan Allen, right, makes a touchdown catch in the end zone as Indianapolis Colts cornerback Vontae Davis, center, and free safety Delano Howell, left, look on during the first half of an NFL football game Monday, Oct. 14, 2013, in San Diego.

Associated Press

kicked a 50-yard field goal as time expired.

On the Colts' only other

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That's been the theme throughout these playoffs, which have included four 1-0 scores and seven shut-outs in the first 26 games. After rallying from a five-run deficit to even the series in Game 2, Boston came away with a win in Detroit against one of the game's best pitchers. The Tigers had a chance for their own comeback in the eighth when Austin Jackson drew a one-out walk and Torii Hunter followed with a single.

But Cabrera, who failed to reach base for the first time in 32 postseason games for the Tigers, never looked comfortable against Junichi Tazawa, swinging and missing at the first two



Boston Red Sox's Mike Napoli hits a home run in the seventh inning during Game 3 of the American League baseball championship series against the Detroit Tigers Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2013, in Detroit.
Associated Press

innings.

Still, the Tigers have fallen behind because their bullpen blew a four-run lead late in Game 2 and the offense came up empty at home on Tuesday.

Detroit stranded runners on first and third in the first, then wasted Jhonny Peralta's leadoff double in the fifth. Peralta reached third with one out, but an overanxious Omar Infante struck out and Andy Dirks grounded out.

Verlander needed every bit of focus after Jacoby Ellsbury's one-out single in the sixth. The Tigers have not held runners well this year, but a number of pickoff throws helped prevent a steal. At one point, Verlander appeared to be pointing at his wrist, as if to ask the dugout if his delivery to the plate was quick enough.

Amid all that, Verlander got Shane Victorino on a flyout, and after Ellsbury moved to second anyway on a wild pitch, Dustin Pedroia grounded out to end the threat. Napoli's homer was the first run allowed by Verlander since Sept. 18 - he pitched six scoreless innings in each of his last two starts in the regular season before blanking the opposition for 21 innings in the playoffs.

Lackey was pulled with one on in the seventh. Craig Breslow came on and walked Alex Avila, but Infante's groundout ended the inning. Verlander looked ready to halt any notion of momentum for the Red Sox. He struck out six straight in the second and third, matching a single-game postseason record.

Lackey did his best to keep pace, retiring 10 in a row before Peralta's double.

The Tigers had taken no hitters into at least the sixth inning of the previous three games. Verlander fell an out short of extending that streak when Jonny Gomes hit a roller up the middle for an infield single in the fifth.

NOTES: Detroit reliever Phil Coke struck out seven straight over multiple outings during last year's World Series against San Francisco, according to STATS.

offerings and eventually chasing an outside pitch for strike three.

Felder was even more overmatched against Koji Uehara, striking out on three pitches.

Uehara also pitched the ninth for a save, ensuring that Lackey's fine performance wouldn't go to waste.

Lackey pitched poorly his first two seasons in Boston after signing an \$82.5 million, five-year contract in December 2009. Then he missed all of 2012 following elbow ligament-replacement surgery.

He's been better this season, and he kept the Tigers off balance Tuesday by effectively changing speeds. Napoli's first at-bat in the majors was against Verlander on May 4, 2006, at Detroit's Comerica Park. He homered then, too.

This hit was far more important. In the last two games, the Tigers have started Verlander and 21-game winner Max Scherzer - and the Red Sox won both.

Throw in Anibal Sanchez's outstanding effort in the opener, when the Red Sox managed only a ninth-inning single in a 1-0 loss, and Detroit's three starters in the ALCS have combined to allow two runs and six hits with 35 strikeouts in 21

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Rivers, Novak lead Chargers to 19-9 win

BERNIE WILSON

AP Sports Writer

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Philip Rivers threw a 22-yard touchdown pass to rookie Keenan Allen and Nick Novak kicked four field goals to give the San Diego Chargers a 19-9 victory over the Indiana Colts on Monday. NFL Roundup Rivers methodically moved the Chargers (3-3) on three scoring drives of at least 74 yards as he rebounded from a three-interception performance in a dismal loss at Oakland.

That, and a lot of dropped passes by Colts receivers, kept Indianapolis (4-2) from taking a two-game lead over Tennessee in the AFC South. A week earlier, Andrew Luck helped rally the Colts to a 34-28 victory against Seattle.

He had no chance against the Bolts because of two long drives in the second quarter that helped contribute to the Chargers dominating the time of possession 38 minutes, 31 seconds to 21:29.

Allen got behind safety Delano Howell and cornerback Vontae Davis on a post route for the TD, completing a 12-play, 74-yard march that took 6:14 and gave San Diego a 7-3 lead. It was Allen's second TD catch of the season.

Novak's first field goal capped a drive that went 79 yards in 17 plays in 7:58. The drive was kept alive



San Diego Chargers wide receiver Keenan Allen, right, makes a touchdown catch in the end zone as Indianapolis Colts cornerback Vontae Davis, center, and free safety Delano Howell, left, look on during the first half of an NFL football game Monday, Oct. 14, 2013, in San Diego.

Associated Press

when cornerback Greg Toler was whistled for illegal contact for pushing receiver Lavelle Hawkins out of bounds on third-and-6 from the Chargers 45.

Luck then completed four straight passes to move the Colts into Chargers territory before Coby Fleener

dropped a pass at the 25. Luck scrambled for 6 yards and threw an incomple- tion before Adam Vinatieri kicked a 50-yard field goal as time expired.

On the Colts' only other possession of the second quarter, Darrius Heyward-Bey dropped what likely

would have been a long touchdown pass down the right sideline.

Novak also had field goals of 33, 34 and 50 yards, with the final one coming with 1:55 left. Vinatieri finished with three field goals.

Chargers cornerback Derek Cox snuffed out Indy's

final chance when he intercepted a pass that was tipped by receiver Reggie Wayne with 1:07 to play.

Rivers was 22 of 33 for 237 yards and no interceptions. Luck was 18 of 30 for 202 yards. Wayne got his 1,000th career reception in the fourth quarter. □



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Your Hidden Allergies are Making you Sick

By Dr Carlos Viana



Food allergy is one of the most common medical problems today and its growing! One study by the US National Institute of Health (NIH) on just four of the most common food allergens, peanuts, shrimp, milk and eggs found that 7.5 million or almost 3 in 100 people have a life threatening allergy to one or more of these foods. Millions more have less severe allergies or intolerances to these and many other foods and chemicals.

A serious allergic reaction can also develop because of a wasp or jellyfish sting, chemicals, over-the-counter or pharmaceutical drugs. This reaction is your immune system deciding that these foods, venom stings, chemicals or medicines are enemies of the body and need to be attacked. With this type of allergy, the immune system produces massive amounts of the chemical histamine that leads to anaphylaxis. This potentially fatal condition may cause red, itchy skin rashes, acute sinus attack, swollen eyes and stomach pain or can swell the throat and esophagus cutting off air from the lungs.

People with a life threatening allergy should speak to their doctor about carrying an, EpiPen, or auto-injector of epinephrine, available by prescription to stop the body's release of life threatening histamines and give the person time to get emergency care. A blood test called, IgE can check for this type of allergic response, but only when you have an attack.

On the other hand, an inability to tolerate foods

and environmental factors, also known as a sensitivity or intolerance, causes the immune system to work less severely, but constantly. This constant or chronic inflammation has been linked to countless conditions, including: digestive disorders, migraines, obesity, chronic fatigue, ADD, depression, aching joints, skin disorders, arthritis and many more.

A major development in food sensitivities came through the work of Doctor Karl Landsteiner. In 1902 Dr. Landsteiner discovered the ABO blood group system. Landsteiner saw that the blood from one type thickened the blood of an individual with a different blood type. Thick blood causes circulation problems and increases the possibility of heart attacks and strokes. Not only did Landsteiner's work permit successful blood transfusions and save thousands of lives, it also led to the discovery that specific foods will thicken the blood of specific blood types. Based on this initial work, blood type diets have been developed. For over ten years our clinic has witnessed positive changes in the health of our patients that follow blood type diets.

Beyond thickening of the blood, less acute and obvious reactions of the body to foods, food additives, chemicals, pharmaceutical drugs, molds, even herbal medicine are difficult to diagnose. In a food and chemical intolerance your immune system is working needlessly.

Modern, synthetic foods, overuse of pharmaceuti-

cals and chemicals, electromagnetic fields (EMF's), all contribute to an over stimulated immune system. This over stimulated immune system makes a "mistake" and fights otherwise harmless foods. That "mistake" continues unless you eliminate that food response and break the cycle. When your immune system is working continually, it produces inflammation which has been linked to countless chronic conditions, including: digestive disorders, migraines, obesity, chronic fatigue, ADD, aching joints, skin disorders, arthritis and many more.

Symptoms of food intolerance vary greatly, and can be mistaken for the symptoms of a food allergy. While true allergies are associated with fast-acting responses, it can be difficult to determine the offending food or chemical causing intolerance because these responses generally take place over a prolonged period of time. Thus, the offending food or chemical and the response are separated in time and may not be obviously related. Food intolerance symptoms usually begin about half an hour after eating or drinking the food in question, but sometimes symptoms may be delayed up to four days!

The blood type food lists are good, but based on the generalized blood types. Since it would be difficult to eliminate and then reintroduce all the foods in a person's diet to check for sensitivity, a comprehensive blood test is available using blood from the individual person that checks a large panel of foods and

chemicals for these slower reactions.

Although there are allergy skin tests, these tests only check one type of body reaction and there are several. Therefore an allergy skin test is not reliable. For 25 years, the ALCAT® world-wide, Food and Chemical Sensitivity/Intolerance Testing has provided patients and nutritional healthcare professionals with a tool to successfully overcome a wide variety of conditions, such as digestive disorders, migraines, obesity, chronic fatigue, skin disorders, arthritis, hyperactivity, sinus, asthma and body pain which result from food and chemical sensitivities.

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Get the Point! What you eat, drink, put on your skin and clean your house with all affects your health. If you want to check if food and chemical intolerances are negatively affecting your good looks and health, check in with a Certified Clinical Nutritionist or holistic physician trained

in nutrition. Put "better health at the top of your "to do" list. ALCAT Food and Chemical Sensitivity/Intolerance testing with a personal meal plan and counseling is available through Viana Healing Center.

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Yahoo earnings, revenues drop as expected in 3Q

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Yahoo is regaining its appeal among investors a lot faster than with the online advertisers who generate most of its revenue. The company's latest quarterly results released Tuesday are the latest to underscore CEO Marissa Mayer's challenges even as Yahoo's stock continues to soar under her leadership. Yahoo Inc. earned \$297 million, or 28 cents per share, in the three months ending in September. That's a 91 percent drop from nearly \$3.2 billion, or \$2.64 per share, at the same time last year. It wasn't an apples-to-apples comparison because last year's profit was lifted by a \$2.8 billion windfall from Yahoo's sale of part of its stake in Alibaba Group. Revenue fell 5 percent from last year to \$1.1 billion. □

Intel 3Q profit unchanged, but tops prediction

NEW YORK (AP) — Intel says its third-quarter income was unchanged as it continues to struggle with a global slump in PC demand. The chipmaker earned \$2.95 billion, or 58 cents per share, compared with \$2.97 billion, or 58 cents per share, in the same quarter of 2012. Revenue also was unchanged at about \$13.5 billion. The results for the quarter ending Sept. 28 beat Wall Street predictions. Analysts polled by FactSet expected a profit of 53 cents per share on revenue of \$13.4 billion. Revenue at the company's personal-computer business fell 3.5 percent to \$8.4 billion, while data center revenue increased 12 percent to \$2.9 billion. □

US stocks down as investors wait on debt news

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AP Business Writer

The stock market was whipsawed Tuesday as the on-again, off-again talk of a debt deal in Washington made investors wonder just how pessimistic they should be. Stocks were flat or down all day, but the size of the losses waxed and waned depending on which politician was giving a press conference. The market closed with its first loss in a week, with the Dow Jones industrials down 133 points. Yields on short-term government debt rose sharply as investors worried about the possibility of a default.

Indexes were down only slightly early Tuesday, when Republican and Democratic leaders in the Senate reported that a deal over increasing the nation's borrowing limit appeared to be getting closer. But after House Republicans came up with their own competing plan later in the day, and it was rejected by Democrats, stocks fell further. The stakes are high and the deadline is getting nearer. Unless the borrowing limit is raised, the U.S. will bump up against a Thursday deadline after which it can no longer borrow money to pay its bills, which could lead to a default on government debt. That possibility has rattled markets all month. It was clear that traders were hanging on every word out of Washington. The losses on the Dow shrank by about 40 points during a short press conference by House Speaker John Boehner shortly before noon Eastern.

Another reason for Wall Street's pessimism is that any deal reached this week might simply set up another showdown a few months down the road.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 133.25 points, or 0.9 percent, to 15,168.01. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 12.08 points, or 0.7 percent, to 1,698.06. The Nasdaq composite fell 21.26 points, or 0.6 percent, to 3,794.01.

with Iran and Syria, which could cause a spike in energy prices.

"There's a lot more risk to the downside," Landesman said. "I don't think things are that robust out there."

Among stocks making big

Parts of the bond market have started to show signs of stress. The yield on the 10-year T-note rose to 2.73 percent from 2.69 percent on Friday. Bond trading was closed Monday for Columbus Day. Yields on three-month and six-



Specialist David Vadala works at his post on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2013. Citigroup said its earnings fell slightly in the third quarter after a \$1 billion drop in revenue from its bond trading business and a slump in mortgage refinancing.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

The losses were broad. All 10 industry groups in the S&P 500 fell and three stocks fell for every one that rose on the New York Stock Exchange.

Uri Landesman, president of Platinum Partners, a New York-based investment management group, said he thinks there will be a deal, but that investors are making a mistake to focus on it so heavily since the economy still has so many risks. Investors aren't appreciating the risk of poor economic reports, slow profit growth and the possibility of flare-ups in conflicts

moves:

— FedEx shareholders were happy about expanded stock buybacks. FedEx's stock rose \$4.71, or 4 percent, to \$120.08.

— Charles Schwab rose \$1.02, almost 5 percent, to \$23.03 after the brokerage company said its quarter profit rose 19 percent as trading and interest revenue increased.

— Advertising company Omnicom Group reported adjusted results and revenue that were higher than analysts had expected. Its stock rose \$1.01, almost 2 percent, to \$64.96.

month T-bills also rose. The yield on the one-month T-bill nearly doubled in only a few hours, going from 0.18 percent early Tuesday to 0.34 percent by the afternoon. It's considered to be the T-bill most likely to be affected by a federal government default. Money market funds owned by Fidelity and JPMorgan Chase & Co. have been selling off their one-month T-bill holdings to limit their exposure to the security. The price of oil fell \$1.20 to close at \$101.21 as negotiations over Iran's nuclear abilities began. □

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Apple hires Burberry CEO to boost store sales



Burberry CEO Angela Ahrendts speaks at the National Retail Federation's annual convention in New York. Apple said Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2013, that Ahrendts, who used technology to drive a remarkable turnaround at Burberry, will take charge of Apple's expansion plans and retail operation, as she will become a senior vice president at the company next spring.

(AP Photo/Mark Lennihan)

MICHAEL LIEDTKE

AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

Apple is entrusting the elegant stores that help define its brand to Angela Ahrendts, a respected executive who blended fashion sense with technological savvy to establish Burberry as a mark of luxury and success.

The hiring announced Tuesday is a coup for Apple Inc. Besides providing the Cupertino, Calif. company with another sharp mind, Ahrendts should help Apple deflect potential criticism about the lack of women in the upper ranks of its management.

Silicon Valley's long-running reliance on men to make key decisions has

come into sharper focus as online messaging service Twitter Inc. prepares to go public. Twitter's closely scrutinized IPO documents called attention to the San Francisco company's all-male board of directors and the presence of just one woman in its executive inner circle.

Apple has one woman, former Avon Products Inc. CEO Andrea Jung, among the eight directors on its board.

Ahrendts will report directly to Apple CEO Tim Cook when she leaves Burberry to join Apple next spring in a newly created position of senior vice president of senior vice president in charge of retail and online stores. □

Warren Buffett backs new business kits for kids

JOSH FUNK

AP Business Writer

OMAHA, Nebraska (AP)

— Earlier this year, Warren Buffett congratulated a group of three Kentucky kids for developing kits to help their peers set up businesses.

Now Buffett is helping teach the young entrepreneurs how tough business can be by backing a competing product.

Both the new "Business in a Box" kits and the contest the Kentucky kids won in May are tied to "The Secret Millionaire's Club" cartoon that features advice from an animated version of the billionaire investor.

Amy Heyward, one of the co-founders of cartoon maker A Squared Entertainment, said the company started developing the "Business in a Box" kits more than three years ago, so there's no direct link to

the contest-winning idea. But Heyward said she immediately recognized the similarities when siblings Kennedy Sabharwal and Spencer Sabharwal and their cousin Sawyer Beeler

presented their Kidtrepreneur Kit idea.

"They should come work for us. They were great," Heyward said. "It's amazing what comes out of kids' heads."



A "Business in a Box" kit titled "Lemonade Stand," is seen at the offices of A Squared Entertainment in Beverly Hills, Calif., Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2013.

(AP Photo/Reed Saxon)

Buffett's assistant said Berkshire Hathaway's chairman and CEO was traveling Tuesday and wasn't available to comment.

The kids set up their own website prominently featuring pictures of Buffett to sell their entrepreneurial kits with materials to set up a lemonade stand and other businesses.

The young entrepreneurs didn't immediately respond to a question about their new competition Tuesday, but they probably won't hold a grudge against Buffett or the Secret Millionaire's Club after winning \$5,000 and 10 Class B shares of Berkshire Hathaway Inc. stock in May.

The Kidtrepreneur kit makers will have a hard time competing with the professionally developed "Business in a Box" kits even if the homemade Kentucky

version is \$5 cheaper.

The new \$19.99 Secret Millionaire's Club kits come with a booklet of Buffett's business advice and a DVD with three episodes of the cartoon.

The first two kits focus on setting up a lemonade stand and a carwash.

Heyward said the business kits seem to be a natural fit with the cartoon that is designed to teach kids about key financial principles such as avoiding debt, supply and demand, and the importance of pursuing your dreams. She said Buffett's talent for simplifying issues helps the program.

"They're simple enough messages that they resonate with kids," Heyward said.

The kits will be sold exclusively at Toys R Us through the end of the year before being distributed more widely next year. □

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This photo shows two cans of Caffeine Free Diet Coke on ice in Surfside, Fla. During a conference call with analysts Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2013, a Coca-Cola executive noted that Diet Coke was "under a bit of pressure" because of people's concerns over its ingredients, alluding to the growing wariness of artificial sweeteners in recent years.
(AP Photo/Wilfredo Lee)

Coca-Cola's profits rising despite sluggish growth

CANDICE CHOI

AP Food Industry Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Coca-Cola reported a higher quarterly profit as the world's biggest beverage maker managed to sell more of its drinks despite choppy economic conditions.

The maker of Sprite, Powerade and Vitaminwater said global sales volume edged up 2 percent for its third quarter, helped by its performance in countries such as China, India and Russia.

Still, the company conceded that it was facing an economic slowdown in many parts of the world including Mexico, where the government is also considering a tax on sugary soft drinks.

In a conference call with analysts, CEO Muhtar Kent pushed back at the suggestion that the company's days of growth were coming to an end. He noted that the company is emphasizing affordability and smaller packages to "keep the drinkers base growing" in developing markets.

That strategy is critical for "when economies also start turning up and when disposable incomes start heading north," he said.

Kent also shot down the prospect of the tax in Mexico, saying that such measures don't work and that he didn't want to discuss the matter any further because "the discussions under progress."

"We've made our case to the government," he said. The company stood by its goal to double system-wide sales by 2020, from 2009.

Back in the U.S., where soda has been under fire as well for fueling obesity rates, the Atlanta-based company rolled out smaller cans and bottles of soda that are more profitable and better suit the reduced portions people are seeking. □

J&J 3Q net gains on medicine sales

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AP Business Writer

A big jump in prescription drug sales and continued recovery of Johnson & Johnson's beleaguered consumer health business in the third quarter helped the health care giant overcome a new problem: slumping sales of its medical devices.

That was mainly due to pricing pressure in the U.S. that forced J&J to cut prices for devices including diabetes testing products and spine and hip replacement parts, and trouble integrating part of orthopedic products maker Synthes, bought

"We are still seeing (health care) utilization rates that are essentially flat year over year," Chief Financial Officer Dominic Caruso told analysts on a conference call.

That's been a problem throughout the lengthy global economic slowdown, as consumers delay elective surgical procedures and "trade down" to store brands rather than J&J's pricier Band-Aids and nonprescription medicines. Those nonprescription drugs, responsible for most of J&J's roughly four dozen product recalls over the past four years, saw sales

enabled the New Brunswick, New Jersey, company's prescription drug business to regain its position as J&J's top revenue generator.

Drug sales rose 9.9 percent to \$7.04 billion, led by big jumps for newer medicines including anticlotting drug Xarelto, immune disorder drug Simponi, Stelara for psoriasis, Invega Sustena for schizophrenia and Zytiga for prostate cancer.

"The new drug sales are particularly impressive," said Erik Gordon, a professor and analyst at University of Michigan's Ross School of Business. But he said J&J can't seem to get its consumer products business "moving quickly. They've lost four years of business and may never get it all back." Analyst Steve Brozak of WBB Securities was encouraged by J&J's \$2.3 billion in sales of medicines for arthritis and inflammatory disorders, and its push into cancer medicines. Both are growth areas and cancer drugs command big profits. Device sales dropped 2 percent to \$6.93 billion, due to the pricing pressures and difficulty integrating the Synthes sales reps and products for repairing spinal damage. J&J said it's addressing that.

It's developing cheaper, easier-to-use medical devices for markets such as China and India. They're among the top emerging markets — countries with big populations that are spending more on health care — that are expected to provide 40 percent of device business growth in coming years.

Edward Jones analyst Judson Clark said J&J is acknowledging the industry can't hit its earlier rosy profit expectations in emerging markets. □



Photo shows Johnson & Johnson baby products for sale at a pharmacy in Miami. Johnson & Johnson is expected to report quarterly earnings on Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2013.

(AP Photo/Lynne Sladky)

last year for \$20 billion in J&J's biggest acquisition.

The maker of baby shampoo and immune disorder drugs nudged up its earnings forecast for 2013. In afternoon trading, shares rose 61 cents to \$90.41, near its 52-week high of \$94.42.

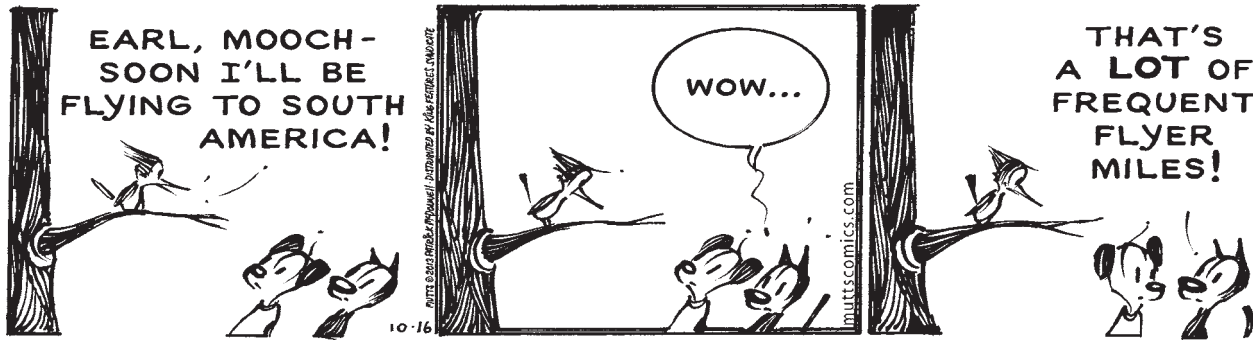
J&J said Tuesday that net income was \$2.98 billion, or \$1.04 per share, up from \$2.97 billion, or \$1.05 per share, a year earlier. Excluding charges, it earned \$1.36 per share, 4 cents per share more than expected. Revenue rose 3 percent to \$17.58 billion. Analysts expected \$17.43 billion.

jump 18 percent in the U.S. and 6.4 percent worldwide as more products were returned to stores. Pain relievers such as Tylenol and Motrin, among the products recalled for reasons including wrong active ingredient levels and contamination with metal and plastic particles, fueled that growth.

The consumer health business, which also makes dental, wound and skin care items such as the Aveeno and Neutrogena lines, boosted sales 0.8 percent to \$3.61 billion.

The decline in device sales

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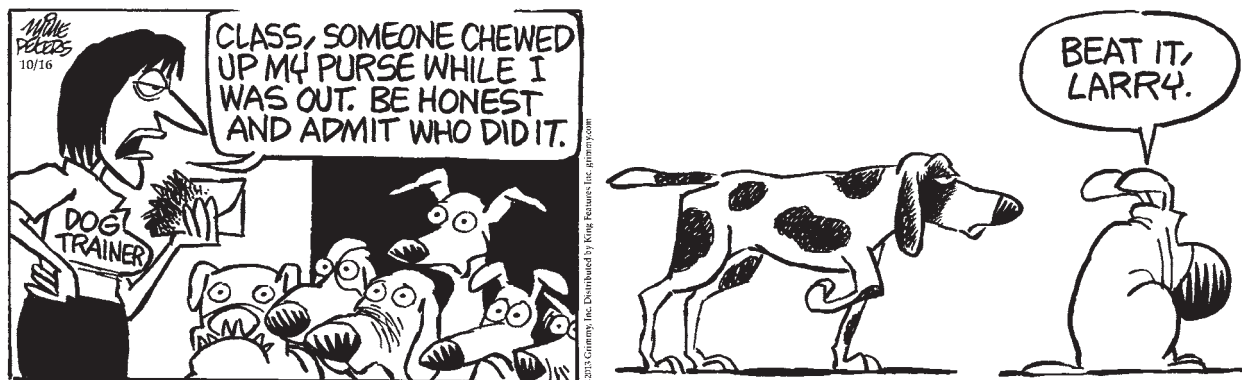
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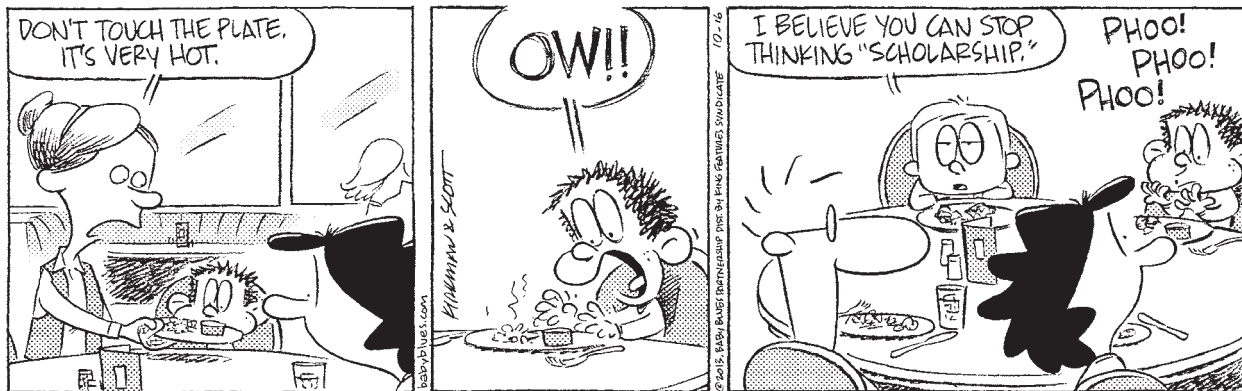
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

2	9	8	5	7	6	1	4	3
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8	1	4	3	2	5	6	7	9
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6	7	5	4	8	3	9	1	2

ACROSS

- Flip-; rubber sandals
- __ tale; far-fetched story
- Sports network
- Opponent
- Woodwind
- African nation
- __ so often; occasionally
- Raiders or Rams
- Boast
- Crazy
- Morphine or codeine
- Deceased
- One __; each other
- Mental tension
- Valuable thing
- Certain vote
- __ on; forwards
- Restaurants' lists of dishes
- __ milk; nonfat beverage
- S, M, L and XL
- "Room for __"; sign at a boardinghouse
- Mexican mister
- Chavez or Romero
- Needless turmoil
- Fisherman's hopes
- Actress Mia __
- __ game; event for the finest athletes
- Honor with a banquet
- Yachtsman
- From California to New York
- Finished
- Snatch
- Stiff
- Drug addict
- British title
- Game site
- Not as much
- Actress Daly
- Troublesome

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Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

DOWN

- Dancer Astaire
- Not taped
- Above
- Sunday paper insert
- Duplicity
- Carried
- Still in the sack
- Hawaii's Mauna __
- Citrus fruits
- Make resentful
- Alaska's Palin
- Piece of china
- African nation
- Neon & helium
- "Annabel Lee" or "The Raven"
- Pompous fools
- Impudent talk
- Toddler
- Harness strap
- Shaping tools
- Friendlier
- Within reach
- Take apart
- Store away
- Thugs

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SPA	TREE	MITTS
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APHID	SWING	IRK
DAIS	CLANG	PEON
SIN	SHARD	HOUSE
NORWAY	BOOTEE	
	AID	MAPLE
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- Baggy
- Ceremony
- Freeway divisions
- Dilapidated building
- Fairy tale
- Circle with a bull's-eye
- Deserve; merit
- Install a new electric system
- Grows old
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German gummi bear baron Hans Riegel dies at 90

GEIR MOULSON
Associated Press

BERLIN (AP) — Hans Riegel turned little gold bears into a global candy juggernaut.

"Wherever I traveled in the last few years, the gold bears had already long been there," Foreign Minister Guido Westerwelle said in a tribute to Riegel's

moting the company's wares with the slogan "kids and grown-ups love it so, the happy world of Haribo."

Haribo said Riegel took inspiration from children's magazines and comics, once saying: "I love children. They are my customers. I have to be informed about what they want to nibble, what they think, what language they speak."

In the 1960s and 1970s, Haribo acquired businesses in the Netherlands, France and Britain; and in 1982, it added a sales office in the United States, setting up Haribo of America, Inc. in Baltimore.

The company also makes a broad selection of other gummy treats, from liquorice to fizzy cola to sour cherries. But none have the cultural pull — or, arguably, cuteness — of the bite-sized bears.



Photo shows Hans Riegel, the longtime boss of German candy maker Haribo who took the gummi bear to international fame, in Bonn, western Germany. Haribo said in a statement that Riegel, the son of the company's founder, died of heart failure in Bonn on Tuesday. He was 90.

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In a career spanning almost seven decades, Riegel was the driving force that made Haribo's gummi bears a sugary staple in Germany and around the world, beloved for their bright colors, teddy-bear shape and an earworm jingle that insisted "kids and grown-ups love it so."

The man whose marketing acumen helped make his family-owned company a global household name died on Tuesday at 90. Haribo said Riegel died of heart failure in Bonn, where the company is based. He had been recovering from an operation to remove a benign brain tumor.

From humble early days, Haribo rode West Germany's post-World War II boom to become a candy giant. The company claims to churn out 100 million bears each day to feed a hunger for jellied treats in far-flung and unlikely places around the world.

achievement in making Haribo "a German global brand."

Riegel was the son of the company founder, also named Hans Riegel, who in 1920 set up Haribo — an acronym for "Hans Riegel Bonn." In 1922, his father invented the "dancing bear," a small bear made out of fruit gum that laid the foundations for Haribo's later success.

The company founder died in 1945. Upon being released as allied prisoners after World War II, Riegel and his younger brother, Paul, set about rebuilding the family firm. Haribo had only about 30 employees immediately after the war but, as West Germany's economy took off, the number was up to 1,000 five years later.

Paul Riegel, who died in 2009, focused on production while Hans Riegel took charge of marketing and sales — for instance, pro-

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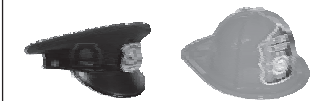
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World Food Prize takes on biotech, global warming

DAVID PITT

Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — The World Food Prize Foundation is confronting both opposition to genetically modified crops and the divisive issue of global warming as it gathers hundreds of experts and national leaders to talk this week about how to feed a growing global population. By awarding this year's prize to three biotechnology pioneers, the nonprofit foundation infuriated environmental groups and others opposed to large-scale farming.

Two of the recipients hold prominent positions at biotech companies — Mary-Dell Chilton, founder and researcher at Syngenta Biotechnology, and Robert Fraley, chief technology officer at Monsanto. The third is Marc Van Montagu, founder and chairman of the Institute of Plant Biotechnology Outreach at Ghent University in Belgium. But their line of work is in keeping with the philosophies of Norman Borlaug, the prize's founder, who was a strong advocate of biotechnology as a way to increase crop production. Van Montagu and Chilton independently developed the technology in

the 1980s to stably transfer foreign genes into plants, which led to creating the means to genetically engineer plants. Fraley genetically engineered the first herbicide-resistant soybean in 1996.

"We're entering the period that Norman Borlaug worried about.

We are facing the greatest challenge in human history, whether we can sustainably feed the 9 billion people who will be on our planet by 2050," foundation president Kenneth Quinn said.

Borlaug, the 1970 Nobel Peace Prize laureate awarded for his efforts to fight hunger and boost agricultural production, knew the three recipients, and expressed a wish before his death in 2009 that they be honored, Quinn said.

The World Food Prize Foundation relies on corporate, private and government contributions.

Among its donors are Monsanto and Syngenta Foundation, and the news that scientists working for those companies drew immediate criticism.

"Rather than encouraging sustainable farming and self-sufficiency in impoverished communities as a way to alleviate poverty



This combination of undated file photos provided by The World Food Prize Foundation shows, from left: Robert T. Fraley and Mary-Dell Chilton of the United States, and Marc Van Montagu of Belgium who were named Wednesday, June 19, 2013, as winners of the 2013 World Food Prize during a ceremony in Washington. The World Food Prize Foundation is confronting head-on opposition to the widespread use of biotechnology and the corporations that create and promote genetically modified crops by awarding this year's prize to three biotech pioneers. Two recipients hold prominent positions at biotechnology firms — Mary-Dell Chilton, founder and researcher at Syngenta Biotechnology and Robert Fraley, chief technology officer at Monsanto. The third award recipient is Marc Van Montagu, founder and chairman of the Institute of Plant Biotechnology Outreach at Ghent University in Belgium. They receive their award Thursday in a ceremony at the Iowa Capitol.

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and malnutrition, the World Food Prize has been 'won' by a profiteering, biotech, seed-and-chemical monopolist that's the freakish opposite of sustainability," former Texas Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower wrote on his website Monday. He's been invited to speak Wednesday at an event organized by the local Occupy World Food

Prize organization.

The Occupy group also has planned protests designed to discredit the prize and disrupt the foundation's activities, which attracts about 1,000 scientists, policy experts, political leaders and business executives each year.

Last year, protesters were arrested.

This year, former British

Prime Minister Tony Blair and Cardinal Peter K.A. Turkson, president of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace at the Vatican, are scheduled to attend the three-day World Food Prize symposium. Turkson has also agreed to speak at the opposition event.

Thursday's award ceremony is at the Iowa Capitol. □

5-meter sea creature found off California coast

CHRISTOPHER WEBER

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A marine science instructor snorkeling off the Southern California coast spotted something out of a fantasy novel: the silvery carcass of an 18-foot-long, serpent-like oarfish.

Jasmine Santana of the Catalina Island Marine Institute needed more than 15 helpers to drag the giant sea creature to shore on Sunday.

Staffers at the institute are calling it the discovery of a lifetime.

"We've never seen a fish this big,"

said Mark Waddington, senior captain of the Tole Mour, CIMI's sail training ship. "The last oarfish we

saw was three feet long."

Because oarfish dive more than 3,000 feet deep, sightings of the creatures are rare and they are largely unstudied, according to CIMI.

The obscure fish apparently died of natural causes.

Tissue samples and video footage were sent to be studied by biologists at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

Santana spotted something shimmering about 30 feet deep while snorkeling during a staff trip in Toyon Bay at Santa Catalina Island.

"She said,

'I have to drag this thing out of here or nobody will believe me,'" Waddington said. □



This photo released courtesy of the Catalina Island Marine Institute taken on Sunday Oct. 13, 2013 shows the crew of sailing school vessel Tole Mour and Catalina Island Marine Institute instructors holding an 18-foot-long oarfish that was found in the waters of Toyon Bay on Santa Catalina Island, Calif.

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Tina Fey, Amy Poehler back as Golden Globes hosts

DAVID BAUDER

AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The duo of Tina Fey and Amy Poehler proved such a success at hosting the Golden Globes in January that they've been signed up for the same job for the next two years.

NBC, the Hollywood Foreign Press Association and producers of the Golden Globes announced the unusual two-year commitment on Tuesday. Next year's Golden Globes will be held in Beverly Hills, California, on Jan. 12.

Allen Shapiro, CEO of Dick Clark Productions, said the former "Saturday Night Live" chums have "a truly unique chemistry making them one of the most talented and captivating pairings of all time."

They were bathed in critical love for their performance this year, with Associated Press critic Frazier Moore calling them "the night's

biggest winners." They got laughs without being polarizing, as was the case with predecessor Ricky Gervais. Poehler even poked fun during the show at the Hollywood debate over whether Gervais was too hard-edged in mocking Hollywood stars.

"We want to assure you that we have no intention of being edgy or offensive tonight," said Poehler, star of the NBC sitcom "Parks and Recreation." "Because, as Ricky learned the hard way, when you run afoul of the Hollywood Foreign Press, they make you host this show two more times!"

Fey, whose NBC comedy "30 Rock" ended this year, and Poehler were both nominated for best actress in a comedy or musical but lost to Lena Dunham, star of HBO's "Girls."

"Last year was really fun," Poehler said in an interview with the Hollywood



In this Sunday, Jan. 13, 2013, file photo, provided by NBC, co-hosts Tina Fey, left, and Amy Poehler appear on stage during the annual Golden Globe Awards, at the Beverly Hilton Hotel, in Beverly Hills, Calif.

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Foreign Press Association. "We didn't know what to expect. It was exciting to

work with Tina, as always, and it was a strange experience. We had a lot of fun

so we said maybe we can try it again and like fools we are giving it another shot. □

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An updated 'Carrie' for the digital age

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AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Carrie" is going viral.

In the new take on the supernatural coming-of-age story out Friday, beleaguered high school student Carrie White's torment doesn't merely occur within the gym showers or on stage at the prom. It's also online, one of a few modern updates dropped into filmmaker Kimberly Peirce's reimagining of the

landmark 1974 novel by Stephen King.

There are references to the "Today" show and "Dancing with the Stars," tunes from Passion Pit and Krewella playing at the prom and Carrie (Chloe Grace Moretz) searching about her burgeoning telekinetic powers online. Outside the movie, "Carrie" is also being marketed with a hidden camera stunt that's racked up nearly 40 million views on YouTube.

However, the most profound use of technology in this contemporary "Carrie" occurs while she's antagonized.

"It's how you raise your story to the level of myth," said Peirce, who previously directed "Boys Don't Cry" and "Stop-Loss." "Too much specificity is a bore. I thought the characters needed to have cell phones, but they should probably only use them a few times. Otherwise,



In this Friday, Oct. 4, 2013 photo, Julianne Moore, left, and Chloe Grace Moretz, of the cast of "Carrie," pose for a portrait at the Four Seasons Hotel in Beverly Hills, Calif. The new take on the paranormal coming-of-age story is in theatres on Friday, Oct. 18, 2013. **Associated Press**

Kors hunger campaign goes big — Times Square big



This undated image released by Michael Kors shows, from left, Blaine Trump, Lance Le Pere, Michael Kors and John Idol at Kors' annual volunteering for God's Love We Deliver in New York. **Associated Press**

SAMANTHA CRITCHELL

AP Fashion Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Michael Kors knows a few things about getting his message out. His ads, fashion shows and even his favorite models and socialites pretty much ooze the jet-setter lifestyle he embodies. On Wednesday, however, he embarks on a new campaign: World Food Day. Of course, it will have the slick fashion touch. There will be user-generated content from shoppers, celebrities and activists on 12 of the largest billboards in Times Square; content that will be replicated on the WatchHungerStop.com website. Kors aims to have 10,000 to 20,000 images go up during the event. Models Lily Aldridge and Chanel Iman will be wearing their Watch Hunger Stop T-shirts, stores will be selling the fundraising watch that Kors designed,

and a God's Love We Deliver gala event will be held to bestow the Michael Kors Award for Outstanding Community Service to former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton. It was the year to go big on World Food Day, Kors said, thanks to his rapidly growing company that enjoyed a successful IPO in 2011 and earnings that nearly tripled in the last fiscal year. He said the company's philanthropic efforts should grow, too, while focusing on a specific platform, and he couldn't ask for a better partner than the United Nations World Food Programme. His connection to World Food Day goes back to the 1980s and God's Love We Deliver, a New York-based organization that delivers meals to those in need. That's when AIDS was hitting the fashion industry hard.

"God's Love had this seemingly simple mission of delivering nutritious meals to people too ill to leave their homes. I saw what a difference that small act made, both to those receiving the food and to those who helped prepare and deliver the meals," Kors said. "So when I was looking to expand the scope of our philanthropy, hunger seemed a natural cause to commit to. I was also drawn to the direct nature of fighting hunger — I'm a results-oriented person, and this is a problem we can affect."

Kors said he knows fighting hunger is one of many causes that compete for compassionate consumers' attention. October, for example, is known around the world as breast-cancer awareness month.

"So, we thought, 'How do you make a lot of noise?' Times Square, of course, and the Internet. So we're using social media to bring everyone to Times Square, where they can help spread the word," he said. There's no irony, or there shouldn't be, that a fashion designer is tackling hunger after years of headlines about fashion's too-skinny models.

"They're two completely separate issues," Kors said. "The debate over skinny models has absolutely nothing to do with trying to feed starving children in the developing world. People know the difference." □

we're beating the audience over the head with it. That's why it was carefully chosen."

The shy outcast isn't only ridiculed by fellow students when she experiences her first menstruation — and doesn't know what's happening — after gym class. The moment is also captured on a smartphone and later uploaded to the Internet by mean girl Chris Hargensen (Portia Doubleday). It's played again on screens during their prom after bullies dump pig's blood on the teen.

This isn't just Carrie 4.0 though. Moretz — who at 16, is the same age as the titular character — believes the broadcast of the digital video amplifies the internal rage of this version of the introverted young woman, who's been sheltered throughout her life by her religiously fanatical mother Margaret (Julianne Moore). It's a new reading of the tale that's spawned three movies and a Broadway musical.

"When that blood is dropped on her, I do think she would've walked away if that video had not been put up on the screen," said Moretz. "I do think she would have walked out of that gym, gone home, cried and been fine — figured her life and moved back into her shell. Without the video, I don't think the telekinesis would've taken over her body."

When it came to filming

that iconic scene, which has been endlessly imitated and parodied in the decades since director Brian De Palma's "Carrie" debuted in 1976, Moretz said she was showered with phony blood just twice. The bigger challenge for the young "Kick-Ass" and "Hugo" actresses was unleashing a totally new interpretation of the classic cinematic moment.

"I had to forget about all that," said Moretz. "As an actor, I just needed to live in my character and not think about Sissy Spacek's performance or how this is an iconic scene or anything like that. Carrie is Carrie. She doesn't know blood is going to be dropped on her. She just won prom queen and thinks her life is going to turn around for the better now."

With the aid of computer-generated effects, the blood-soaked mayhem Carrie wreaks is certainly more expansive than De Palma's original "Carrie" film, as well as the 1999 sequel and a 2002 made-for-TV movie. Peirce was tasked with balancing expectations of both "Carrie" fans and modern moviegoers — without turning Carrie into one of the X-Men or Transformers.

"I faced it with humility," said Peirce. "On some level, of course, I was scared I wouldn't live up to it, but then I just thought, 'I love Carrie. I'm going to ground this moment.' □

A Mad Tea Party



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WASHINGTON - How awful are Ted Cruz and his Cruzettes? They have done the impossible. They have made Americans look back at the Bush II era, the most reckless wrecking ball in American history, with relative nostalgia.

With 78 percent of Americans feeling blue about the country being on the wrong track, according to a new NBC News/Wall Street Journal poll, many consider the GOP's imperialistic unilateralists less loco than the narcissistic anarchists. As grandiose delusions go, global domination makes more sense than self-annihilation.

"If I was in the Senate now, I'd kill myself," Chris Christie said Friday. But before you start thinking Dick Cheney is temperate by comparison, consider the Commentary roast of the former vice president on Monday night at the Plaza Hotel in New York.

Cheney made a joke about waterboarding an antelope that he borrowed from Jay Leno. Donald Rumsfeld quasi-jested that he knew Dick "back when the president of the United States still led our foreign policy, instead of Putin."

Ben Smith of BuzzFeed reported that the roast sponsored by Rupert Murdoch and others featured Rumsfeld, Joe Lieberman and Scooter Libby, known as "Cheney's Cheney" until he was convicted of lying during a federal leak probe.

Lieberman, a guest told BuzzFeed, said it was nicer to be at the Plaza than in cages after a war crimes trial. There were pardon jokes about W., whose relationship with Cheney was shattered over not giving Libby one. Libby said W. sent a note: "Pardon me, I can't make it."

The acrid legacy of Cheney and Rummy lives on as they carp from the sidelines about the "so-called commander in chief." In December, "The Unknown Known," an Errol Morris documentary about the man who was the youngest and oldest secretary of defense, hits theaters.

Morris won an Oscar in 2004 for "Fog of War," his documentary about another dangerous, delusional defense secretary with wire-rimmed glasses, Robert McNamara; in his acceptance speech, Morris warned that, with Iraq, America might be going down another "rabbit hole."

But the cocky Rummy talked to him for 33 hours anyway. Unlike

McNamara, however, Rumsfeld does not admit his historic blunders, but maintains his "Stuff happens" brio.

"You make a movie with the secretary of defense you have," Morris told me dryly, "not with the secretary of defense you want to have."

Still, the filmmaker was smart to bookend the men, opposite ends of the same warmongering problem: McNamara was so droning and unemotive that he lulled listeners into thinking that nothing bad could be happening, while Rumsfeld was so energetic and blithe that it was hard to believe that people were dying and the war was being lost. Morris' wife and collaborator, Julia Sheehan, said that McNamara was "The Flying Dutchman" wandering the Earth looking for redemption, while Rumsfeld is the Cheshire cat.

"All we're left with at the very end is this infernal grin," Morris said. "Everybody wants this smoking gun. The entire Bush administration is a smoking gun."

"In his memos and homilies, Rumsfeld will say things that are just contradictory, as though by saying everything, you've covered all your bases," Morris continued. "It's deeply anti-rational, as if there's no deep reflection or thought. You have no evidence? Well, 'the absence of evidence is not evidence of absence,' as Rumsfeld said about WMD in Iraq. Taken to some crazy conclusion, you can justify anything that way. 'At times in his language, he descends into some strange insanity, as though he's trying to convince himself.'"

Asked the lesson of Vietnam - Rumsfeld was the chief of staff to Gerald Ford when Saigon was evacuated - Rumsfeld briskly replies: "Some things work out, some things don't. That didn't." When Morris presses Rumsfeld about the Justice Department's "torture memos," the former defense chief said they did not come out of "the Bush administration, per se; they came out of the U.S. Department of Justice." That parsing would be beyond Bill Clinton.

About the memos that led to what Morris considers "one of the great stains in American history," Rumsfeld says he never read them. When asked why, he replies, "I'm not a lawyer. What would I know?"

When Morris asks Rumsfeld about the "confusion" that linked Saddam to 9/11, he answers brightly, "I don't think the American people were confused about that," adding, "I don't remember anyone in the Bush administration saying anything like that, nor do I recall anyone believing that." Holy mushroom cloud.

Rumsfeld doesn't even seem to understand his signature phrase. Reading from a 2004 memo, he says, "There are known knowns. There are known unknowns. There are unknown unknowns." He tells Morris that there are also unknown knowns. Things that you possibly may know that you don't know you know. □



A Family's Need To Know



JOE NOCERA
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When you drive into Bloomington, Ind., a classic college town of 82,000 dominated by Indiana University, one of the first things you see is a large, handmade billboard with the picture of a pretty young woman. Next to her picture is her name, Lauren Spierer, and, in bold red letters, the word "MISSING."

More than two years ago, Lauren, who was finishing her sophomore year, disappeared.

Her parents, Rob and Charlene Spierer, who live in Westchester, N.Y., immediately flew to Bloomington, where they stayed for the next six months, organizing search parties, printing fliers, and working round the clock to find their daughter. Private people, they nonetheless held daily news conferences alongside the police.

"You have a singular purpose," Rob Spierer told me a few weeks ago, "and that is to find your child."

There came a point, however, when the police told the Spierers that the search effort was going to become a recovery effort instead, which meant that the authorities had come to believe that Lauren was dead.

The daily news conferences gradually tapered off, as did the

searches.

And eventually, the Spierers returned home. Although they, too, believe their daughter is dead, they have never stopped trying to find out what happened. Last month, Charlene posted an open letter, her third, the purpose of which was to prick the conscience of someone who might know why Lauren disappeared. In speaking to the Spierers, I came to realize that their goal is less to track down some guilty party than it is just to simply understand what happened.

"Not knowing is a nightmare," Charlene said. "Having the knowledge of what happened would help us deal with her loss in a way we can't right now," Rob added.

What brought the disappearance of Lauren Spierer to mind was the news this week that New York police had discovered the identity of a slain girl they dubbed Baby Hope.

On the one hand, the two cases are very different: More than two decades ago, the remains of a small girl, maybe 4 or 5 years old, were found in a cooler that had been left on the side of the Henry Hudson Parkway in Washington Heights.

It wasn't her body that was missing; it was her identity.

But I think the reason I associate the two stories is that at some point along the way, the detectives assigned to the case had much the same motivation as the Spierers.

They embraced Baby Hope, and as they did they developed a profound need to know what had happened, a need that transcended the desire to nab a killer in a case that gone cold a long time ago.

To an unusual degree for a case so old, the police kept the investigation alive, regularly staking out her gravestone, driving around with loudspeakers asking for information, and tacking up posters. Incredibly, those efforts paid off

recently when someone made the link between Baby Hope and a long-ago conversation with a person who talked about a relative who'd been killed. Although the police have held back most of the details, it is clear that they are in the process of developing a narrative that goes beyond the crime that was committed, but will give a deep picture of Baby Hope's short, tragic life.

I have a friend, a former next-door neighbor named John Todd, whose brother Sam disappeared one night from the streets of New York in 1983.

Sam was 24, and attending Yale Divinity School when he disappeared. When I asked John recently what the search for his brother had been like, he made it sound a lot like what the Spierers did when they learned that Lauren was missing. But in addition to the search itself, John recalls that "we began to pry into Sam's life, almost in the hope that there was something bad in there, like a big debt."

They were looking for a reason that might make Sam's disappearance understandable. But Sam's life yielded no clues.

For years afterward, says John, "I would walk the streets of New York, thinking that I saw him out of the corner of my eye. I realize that I was driven not only by the desire to see him, but also to finally find out what had happened." I asked John if he had ever thought about why the need to know was so powerful.

He told me that he thought it had to do with our natural, unconscious tendency to see ourselves as different from a person who's been victimized. When someone we know disappears, seemingly without any reason, it puts us face to face with how random life can be. And that is hard to accept.

One hopes that the Spierers will one day find some answers - and the solace that comes of knowing what happened. □

IN THE WEEDS

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. - Chicory is best known to suburbanites as a destroyer of lawns and gardens. But when Linda Hezel, a former nurse practitioner, spotted the enormous weed growing inside one of her large raised garden beds, she chose not to uproot it.

Instead, she clipped off a leaf and popped it into her mouth.

Hezel, 61, runs Prairie Birthday Farm, a 15-acre, pesticide-free homestead about 20 miles from downtown Kansas City where she forages for - and even cultivates - nuisance species like bedstraw, chickweed, henbit, dandelion, wild bergamot, red clover, dead nettle, lambs-quarters, wood sorrel, purslane and plantain (the leafy variety, not the banana).

In the four years since she began nurturing weeds to extend her growing season and offset losses, she has become a key supplier to a band of enterprising chefs who are reshaping fine dining in Kansas City, long considered a steakhouse town.

Their menus have expanded in turn, offering seasonal and regional dishes that go beyond what had previ-

ously been seen at restaurants in many parts of the heartland.

Foraging for weeds, and cooking with those forgotten or unloved specimens, has grown in popularity in recent years, with intrepid cooks plucking leaves from sidewalk cracks and roadside ditches. Professionals like Hezel and Tama Matsuoka Wong, the well-respected forager who supplies the New York restaurants Daniel, Acme and Gramercy Tavern, have risen to connect urban chefs to an interesting suite of new ingredients.

But unlike Wong, who lives nearly an hour and a half from New York in Flemington, N.J., Hezel is about 30 minutes away from the restaurants she supplies. She can just drop in with new finds for chefs to try; chefs also visit her fields in rural Clay County, Mo., for inspiration. It's a convenience that encourages collaboration and experimentation.

Ryan Brazeal, a former sous-chef at Má Pêche, part of the Momofuku restaurant group, and a Kansas City native, treated Hezel's farm as a sort of prairie pantry this summer, taking stock of ingredients before opening his rustic and ambitious res-



Howard Hanna prepares a dish with offerings from Linda Hezel's wild edibles farm at the Rieger Hotel Grill and Exchange in Kansas City, Mo., June 28, 2013.

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taurant, Novel, in the city's Westside neighborhood in July. He has embraced her offerings, adding borage blossoms to an elaborate corn soup with fermented crab paste, marinated clams and seaweed, and sprinkling wood sorrel buds and leaves atop a fluke crudo with avocado purée. Brazeal also sautés lambs-quarters instead of spinach for a diver scallop dish enriched with bone marrow, mushrooms and a leek-and-chili jam.

"This relationship made

me feel good about coming back to Kansas City," Brazeal said. "It was definitely cool being out there and being exposed to different things I haven't seen before and tasting them right out of the ground."

Hezel, whose 10-year-old farm also provides restaurants with more-traditional produce, supplies about a dozen places each week, harvesting at dawn, packing a cooler and then making her deliveries personally. When she identifies an unusual specimen in her fields, she taste-tests it, then offers it to chefs. The hits get moved into raised beds to be propagated or are given more space and attention.

Weeds and other foraged items now account for 30 percent of her business. At the American, a restaurant with expansive views of downtown, the sous-chef Josh Eans transformed Hezel's yellow-petal dandelions into a two-part amuse-bouche; the stems and flowers were tempura battered, while the buds were pickled and turned into a relish. Joe West, the chef de cuisine at Bluestem, a cozy, elegant and (this year) James Beard Award-winning progressive American restaurant in the nearby Westport neighborhood, has infused strawberries with Hezel's anise hyssop, a wildflower, and

agave nectar. Those are then served alongside a fois gras torchon.

Hezel has now moved on to cajoling chefs to try the unusual parts of plants that are more familiar to diners. This summer, she drove into the city to surprise Michael Foust, the executive chef and owner of a farm-to-table restaurant called the Farmhouse, bringing with her an immature umbel of parsnip seed, which he tasted and incorporated into the day's chilled parsnip soup.

That day, Howard Hanna, the chef and an owner of the Rieger Hotel Grill and Exchange, a restaurant near the city's downtown art district, received 3 pounds of Hezel's fava bean leaves, which he incorporates into salads and lobster dishes, and uses to color and flavor pasta dough.

"They are velvety and soft and definitely have a little bit of that sweetness, like a pea shoot," he said.

Not everything makes it onto the menu. Hanna called some of Hezel's random samples "interesting," if a bit too odd to be ordered yet.

Back at her farm, Hezel was undaunted. She spotted a weed threatening to overtake a pathway, and she knelt down to identify it.

"I don't get mad when things grow like that," she said. "I feel grateful." □



Halibut cheek Benedict with lemon verbena sauce, duck eggs and bloody dock, all harvested from Linda Hezel's farm outside Kansas City, Mo., June 28, 2013. Enterprising chefs from the area have discovered Hezel's Prairie Birthday Farm as a key source of edible weeds, taking Kansas City fine dining beyond its steakhouse roots.

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